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Parks Offer Myriad Valentine's Day Programs

The Fairfax County Park Authority is spreading a little love this month with an assortment of Valentine's Day programs for children and adults alike. History lovers can trace the holiday's roots at a fancy tea, children can explore and play games at nature centers, and dancers can flash their fancy footwork at a sweethearts dance. The variety of events will melt your heart!

Thursday, February 14: Explore the history and traditions of the lovers' holiday at Historic Green Spring's restored 18th century manor house from 1 to 3 p.m. Test your knowledge of romance through the ages with a special Valentine's Day quiz. Chocolate and a traditional English tea are included. The cost is \$25 per person. After the program, venture into the five acres of gardens for a relaxing stroll with your valentine. Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. For reservations, please call 703-941-7987.

Thursday, February 14: Children ages three to six will play musical valentines, beanbag hearts and critter sweetheart games at Riverbend Nature Center. Sessions are available from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 2 to 3 p.m. Find out how local animals pick their valentines, and decorate a cookie. Reservations are required. The cost is \$7 per child. Riverbend Nature Center is located at 8814 Jeffery Road in Great Falls. To reserve, call 703-759-9018.

Saturday, February 16: The very young at heart, ages three to eight will enjoy dancing, refreshments, crafts and poetry at the Hairy Otter and the Frog Warts Winter Ball at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 10 a.m. to noon. View the wildlife film, *Turtles in Love!* Rated G. Reservations are required. The cost is \$4 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Blvd. in Springfield. To reserve, call 703-451-9588.

Friday, February 22: Dance with your sweetheart in the decorated gymnasium at Audrey Moore RECenter from 7 to 10 p.m. and enjoy light refreshments, good music and great company. Learn a few new dances with help from two dance instructors. Participants must be 18 or older. Spiked heels aren't allowed. The cost is \$10 per person for pre-registration by Feb. 9; \$15 at the door. Audrey Moore RECenter is located at 8100 Braddock Road in Annandale. For more information and to make a reservation, call 703-321-7082.

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